

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-10: (Cancelled).

11: (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

selecting using a computing device, an item for auction, in which the item is selected from a plurality of items stored on a server;

transmitting to a remote device an indication that the selected item is available for auction for a period of time, in which the remote device is connected to the computing device via a network;

receiving, from each of a plurality of bidders, at least one bid to purchase the selected item, in which each bid is received before the period of time has expired and each bidder is located remotely from the server;

determining using the computing device, that the period of time has expired based on determining that:

(1) a first quantity of bids that is received before a first time interval, in which the first quantity of bids is less than a first pre-determined value; and

(2) a second quantity of bids that is received before a second time interval, in which the second quantity of bids is less than a second pre-determined value; and

determining a winning bid for the selected item based on predetermined criteria.

12: (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising receiving each bid via a wireless connection.

13: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, in which each of the plurality of bidders submits the at least one bid using a wireless device.

14: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising: receiving each bid associated with the item via an auction site.

~~5~~ 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~14~~<sup>1</sup>, in which each of a plurality of items is associated with an electronic bidsheet that is stored in the server, and in which, the electronic bidsheet comprise at least one bid to purchase the item.

~~6~~ 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~15~~<sup>5</sup>, in which each electronic bidsheet comprises a description of the associated item.

~~7~~ 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~14~~<sup>1</sup>, in which each of the plurality of bidders uses a local client to submit a bid, in which each client comprises a graphical user interface that is operable to receive an identifier of each bidder.

~~8~~ 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~17~~<sup>7</sup>, in which the identifier of the bidder comprises a card number that coupled with a card reader is operable to process a card associated with the card number.

~~19.~~ (Cancelled).

~~9~~ 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~14~~<sup>1</sup>, in which the pre-determined criteria comprises:

determining that a value associated with the winning bid is greater than a plurality of other values associated with other bids submitted during the period of time.

~~21-27.~~ (Cancelled).

~~10~~ 38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~14~~<sup>1</sup> further comprising:  
receiving a payment for the selected item from a bidder who submitted the winning bid; and  
delivering the selected item to the bidder who submitted the winning bid.

~~11~~ 39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~14~~<sup>1</sup> further comprising:

receiving at least one other bid from at least one other customer after the period of time has expired; and

notifying the other customer that the other bid has been rejected.

12 ~~40~~ <sup>1</sup> (Previously Presented) The method of claim ~~41~~, in which the first quantity is greater than the second quantity.

13 ~~41~~ (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:  
a processor; and  
a memory, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 11.

14 ~~42~~ <sup>13</sup> (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~41~~, in which ~~further comprises~~ the instructions ~~that further~~ direct the processor to perform the method of claim 12.

15 ~~43~~ <sup>17</sup> (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~41~~, in which the instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 13, each of the plurality of bidders submits the at least one bid using a wireless device.

16 ~~44~~ <sup>13</sup> (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~41~~, in which ~~further comprises~~ the instructions ~~that further~~ direct the processor to perform the method of claim 14.

17 ~~45~~ <sup>13</sup> (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~41~~, in which the instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 15, each of a plurality of items is associated with an electronic bid sheet that is stored in the server, in which the electronic bid sheet comprise at least one bid to purchase the item.

18 ~~46~~ <sup>17</sup> (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~45~~, in which the instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 16, each electronic bid sheet comprises a description of the associated item.

19 17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, in which the instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 17, each of the plurality of bidders uses a local client to submit a bid, in which each client comprises a graphical user interface that is operable to receive an identifier of each bidder.

20 18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, in which the instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 18, identifier of the bidder comprises a card number that coupled with a card reader is operable to process a card associated with the card number.

21 19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, in which the instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 20, predetermined criteria comprises determining that a value associated with the winning bid is greater than a plurality of other values associated with other bids submitted during the period of time.

22 20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, in which further comprises the instructions that further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 38.

23 21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, in which further comprises the instructions that further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 39.

24 22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, in which the instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 40, first quantity is greater than the second quantity.

25 23. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:  
a storage medium, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by a processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 11.

26 54. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 53, in which further ~~comprises the instructions that further~~ direct the processor to perform the method of claim 12.

27 55. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 53, in which the ~~instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 13, each of the plurality of bidders submits the at least one bid using a wireless device;~~

28 56. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 53, in which further ~~comprises the instructions that further~~ direct the processor to perform the method of claim 14.

29 57. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 53, in which the ~~instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 15, each of a plurality of items is associated with an electronic bidsheet that is stored in the server, in which the electronic bidsheet comprise at least one bid to purchase the item.~~

30 58. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 57, in which the ~~instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 16, each electronic bidsheet comprises a description of the associated item;~~

31 59. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 59, in which the ~~instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 17, each of the plurality of bidders uses a local client to submit a bid, in which each client comprises a graphical user interface that is operable to receive an identifier of each bidder;~~

32 60. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 59, in which the ~~instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 18, identifier of the bidder comprises a card number that coupled with a card reader is operable to process a card associated with the card number;~~

33 61. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 53, in which the instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 20, ~~predetermined criteria comprises: determining that a value associated with the winning bid is greater than a plurality of other values associated with other bids submitted during the period of time.~~ 25

34 62. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 53, in which further ~~comprises: the instructions that further~~ direct the processor to perform the method of claim 38. 25

35 63. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 53, in which further ~~comprises: the instructions that further~~ direct the processor to perform the method of claim 39. 25

36 64. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 53, in which the ~~instructions further direct the processor to perform the method of claim 40, first quantity is greater than the second quantity.~~ 25

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